

## **Announcing new staff at the Commission**

The Commission is pleased to announce three new members to the Commission's staff: LTC Clifford W. Gilmore, Irina Karmanova, and Brittaney M. Miller. This expansion will greatly increase the ability of the Commission to fulfill its mission of appraising and building support and understanding for public diplomacy and related activities.

Lieutenant Colonel Clifford W. Gilmore, USMC, comes to the Commission as a military advisor detailed from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Gilmore's previous assignment was the Special Assistant for Public Communication to the Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He received a Master of Science degree in Organization and Management with a Leadership specialization from Capella University in March 2007 and is a Doctoral Learner in the same field. The focus of his ongoing dissertation research is principle-based communication as a leadership practice. His personal awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, Navy-Marine Corps Commendation Medal (gold star in lieu of third award), and Joint Achievement Medal.

Irina Karmanova comes to the Commission as a Research Intern. Irina is in the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) at a student trainee program specialist. She is currently completing her second year of graduate study in the Global Communications program at The George Washington University. She received her bachelor's degree in international affairs and Russian language and literature from the Elliott School of International Affairs in May of 2010. As an undergraduate, Irina held leadership positions in several student organizations and volunteered for the International Club of DC. For the past two years, Irina has served as a program assistant in the Bureau of European & Eurasian Affairs at the US Department of State, where she worked in the Office of Nordic and Baltic Affairs supporting civil and Foreign Service officers on a wide variety of issues. Her previous work experience has included stints at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the National Archives & Records Administration, and the Smithsonian Institute.

Brittaney M. Miller is with the Commission as an Administrative Intern. Brittaney is a stay-in-school student intern transitioning to the Student Career Experience Program. She graduated summa cum laude from Hampton University in Hampton, Virginia where she received a bachelor's of science in health and physical education with a minor in leadership studies. Her more recent assignment at State was with the Office of Democracy, Labor, and Human Rights.